

SENATE BILL 195

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2404, relative to payment for services provided by chiropractic physicians.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2404, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d):

(d)

(1) For purposes of this subsection, "health insurance entity" means any entity subject to the insurance laws and regulations of this state, or subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner of commerce and insurance, that contracts with health care providers in connection with a plan of health insurance, health benefits, or health services.

(2) No health insurance entity shall impose, in a particular plan of health insurance, health benefits, or health services, any limitation on coverage for services provided by a duly licensed chiropractic physician unless the same limitation is imposed upon like services provided by a person licensed under title 63, chapters 6, 9, or 13.

(3) No health insurance entity shall impose, in a particular plan of health insurance, health benefits, or health services, a copayment or deductible amount in connection with services provided by a licensed chiropractic physician which is higher than the copayment or deductible amount which is imposed in connection with like services provided by a person licensed under title 63, chapters 6, 9, or 13.

(4) No health insurance entity shall, under a particular plan of health

insurance, health benefits, or health services, pay compensation to a licensed chiropractic physician which is less than the compensation paid for like services to a person licensed under title 63, chapters 6, 9, or 13.

(5) For purposes of this subsection, "like services" means those services described using the same procedural terminology codes as published by the American Medical Association or any successor coding system.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2007, and shall apply to all policies or plans of insurance issued after that date.